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Commercial and Industrial Potential of NE Region
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the commercial and industrial potential of North-Eastern (NE) region to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the bottlenecks identified for commercial and industrial backwardness of the NE region; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove these bottlenecks?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)&(b): No Madam. The Government has not conducted any study to assess the commercial and industrial potential of North Eastern (NE) region to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). However, geographical location with long international boundary, hilly terrain, poor social and physical infrastructure in education, health, connectivity, power etc. have been identified as bottlenecks for commercial and industrial backwardness of the NE region.

(c): There has been a continued focus for development of the North Eastern region. The Government has taken a series of measures for expeditious completion of critical ongoing infrastructure projects relating to road, rail, telecom, power generation, transmission & distribution, airport & air connectivity, inland water transport, etc. Government has also focused on removing hurdles in land acquisition, forest clearance with State Cooperation, including addressing issues of law & order problems, etc.

Initiatives have also been taken for developing close bilateral relations with the neighboring countries and other South East Asian countries in pursuance of the 'Act East Policy' to trigger large scale economic activities and create an atmosphere for investment by private entrepreneurs from domestic and foreign countries. Emphasis is also given on capacity building and skill development, which would go a long way for overall growth of NER.

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